

Finance Committee Meeting
August 31, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

Item #1

ORDERED THAT the City Council acting under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, the City Charter, and every power and authority it thereunto enabling, hereby impose the local room occupancy excise under MGL c. 64G section 3A at the rate of 6 percent. Whereas, the general court has enacted Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3A, which allows cities and towns to impose an increase in the room occupancy excise rate to 6 percent to supplement the local aid received by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and whereas, said act also provides for "local acceptance" by the local legislative body and our form of government requires the approval of the City Council and the Mayor.

Item #2

ORDERED THAT the City Council acting under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, the City Charter, and every power and authority it thereunto enabling, hereby impose the local room occupancy excise under MGL c. 64L section 2A to impose a local meals excise tax. Whereas, the general court has enacted Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64L, Section 2A, which allows cities and towns to impose an increase in the local meals totaling .75 percent to supplement the local aid received by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and whereas, said act also provides for "local acceptance" by the local legislative body and our form of government requires the approval of the City Council and the Mayor.

Item #3
Minutes



CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED 9-24-09

MEMBERS

William Zaskey, Chairman
Shane Brooks, Vice-Chairman
James Tillotson
George Moreau
Dino Brunetti
John Vieau
Fred Krampits

MINUTES
August 31, 2009

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Monday, August 31, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present Zaskey, Brooks, Tillotson, Brunetti, Krampits, Vieau

Absent Moreau

Also Present Councilor Swider, Councilor Croteau, Councilor Zygarowski, Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Chris Nolan (Mayor's Office)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

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Chairman Zaskey stated that Representative Wagner's Office stated that the Convention Center Tax was approved in 2001 and would terminate when bond notes are satisfied. This proposed tax would generate approximately \$98,000 annually for the City.

Committee did not remove from the table.

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Motion made by Councilor Krampits to remove from the table. Motion passed.

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acceptance" by the local legislative body and our form of government requires the approval of the City Council and the Mayor.

The committee was not certain how much this proposed would generate perhaps \$750,000 annually.

Motion made by Councilor Brunetti to approve.
Committee vote 6 – 0 favorable.

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Motion made to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.